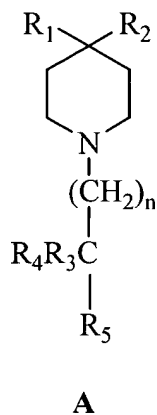


In the claims:

Claims 1-100 (**canceled**)

101. (**currently amended**) A compound represented by A:



wherein

R represents H, alkyl, aralkyl, cycloalkyl, alkenyl, [[aryl,]] 5-, 6-, or 7-membered single-ring aromatic group that includes zero heteroatoms, acyl, or sulfonyl;

R₁ represents optionally substituted [[carbocyclic aryl]] 5-, 6-, or 7-membered single-ring aromatic group that includes zero heteroatoms;

R₂ represents RO-alkyl, (R)₂N-alkyl, RS-alkyl, RO-cycloalkyl, (R)₂N-cycloalkyl, or RS-cycloalkyl;

R₃ represents H, alkyl, -OR, or F;

R₄ represents H, alkyl, -OR, or F;

R₅ represents an optionally substituted thiophene group;

n is 0, 1, or 2; and

the stereochemical configuration at any stereocenter of a compound represented by A is *R*, *S*, or a mixture of these configurations.

102. (**previously presented**) The compound of claim 101, wherein R₁ is optionally substituted phenyl.

103. (**previously presented**) The compound of claim 101, wherein R₂ is RO-alkyl.

104. **(previously presented)** The compound of claim 101, wherein n is 0.
105. **(previously presented)** The compound of claim 101, wherein R₂ is HO-alkyl, and n is 0.
106. **(previously presented)** The compound of claim 101, wherein n is 1; and R₃ is H, alkyl, or F.
107. **(previously presented)** The compound of claim 101, wherein n is 1; and R₄ is H, alkyl, or F.
108. **(previously presented)** The compound of claim 101, wherein R₁ is phenyl, R₂ is HO-alkyl, and n is 0.